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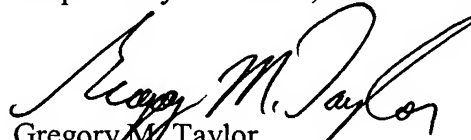
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- Form PTO-1449
- Transmittal for Information Disclosure Statement
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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37 CFR § 1.97 (b)

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- the statement specified in 37 CFR § 1.97(e);  
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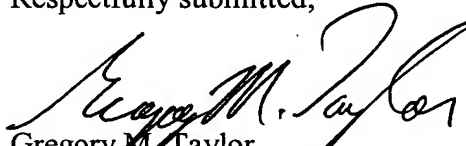
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 listing one (1) reference submitted for consideration
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- ☐ The submission fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) in the event the 37 CFR § 1.97(c) applies and the Examiner is not satisfied that any Promptness Certificate submitted meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2004.

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DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gregory M. Taylor".

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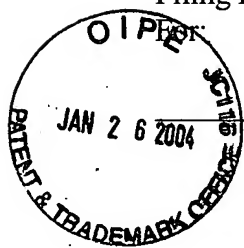
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1	EP 1 107 464 A1	6/13/2001	Europe

References Cited by Applicants

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